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ON CSCE IMPLEMENTATION AND BELGRADE CONFERENCE

1. THE MOST IMPORTANT ITEM OF BUSINESS AT THE APRIL 25-29

MEETING OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY WAS THE DEBATE ON CSCE
IMPLEMENTATION AND THE APPROACHING BELGRADE CONFERENCE. THE
DEBATE, WHICH TOOK TWO AND A HALF DAYS AND IN WHICH A FOUR MAN
DELEGATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND MEMBERS OF

THE CANADIAN, FINNISH AND ISRAELI PARLIAMENTS PARTICIPATED, COVERED ALL ASPECTS OF THE FINAL ACT AND THE PROSPECTS FOR BELGRADE MEETING.

2. WHILE SHARP CRITICISM WAS DIRECTED AT SOVIET UNION AND WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES PARTICULARLY IN THE FIELDS OF MOVEMENT OF PERSONS, HUMAN CONTACTS AND DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION, THE MOOD OF THE ASSEMBLY, AS REFLECTED IN THE RESOLUTION 654 (1977), WAS THAT THE FINAL ACT HAD BROUGHT ABOUT CERTAIN POSITIVE CHANGES IN THE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES WHICH COULD BE DEVELOPED EVEN FURTHER GIVEN THE WILL TO DO SO ON BOTH SIDES. THE MORE IMPORTANT PARTS OF THE LONG RESOLUTION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

ON THE QUESTION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES THE RESOLUTION, WHILE RECOGNIZING INVIOABILITY OF FRONTIERS AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY ARE STABILIZING FACTORS, WARNED HOWEVER THAT SOVEREIGN EQUALITY AND SELF DETERMINATION OF PEOPLES MUST BE RESPECTED.

ON CBM S , WHILE CALLING FOR MORE EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH CONFIDENCE, IT RECOGNIZED THAT SOME PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN NOTIFICATION OF MILITARY MANEUVERS AND EXCHANGE OF OBSERVERS.

WITH REGARD TO COOPERATION IN HUMANITARIAN AND OTHER FIELDS IT STRESSES THE IMPORTANCE OF INCREASING THE NUMBER OF PERSONS PERMITTED TO TRAVEL OUTSIDE OF THEIR OWN COUNTRIES OR TO EMIGRATE.

AS REGARDS INFORMATION, IT CALLS FOR A FREER FLOW OF INFORMATION AND FOR FREEDOM OF CORRESPONDENTS TO CARRY OUT THEIR WORK.

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THE FINAL SECTION ON FOLLOW-UP IS THE MOST INTERESTING IN THAT IT EXPRESSES THE VIEW THAT THE BELGRADE MEETING MUST PRIMARILY BE DEVOTED TO REVIEWING THE AGREEMENTS IN AN ATMOSPHERE DEVOID OF POLEMICS , AND THAT PROGRESS TOWARD CHANGING ATTITUDES TOWARD INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS OR RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES CAN BE MADE ONLY SLOWLY AND AS A RESULT OF LONG AND PATIENT DIALOGUE AND EFFORTS AMONG THE PARTICIPATING STATES. THE ASSEMBLY EXPRESSED ITS INTENTION TO CONTINUE TO BE INVOLVED DIRECTLY IN CSCE THROUGH ITS DECISION TO KEEP THE MATTER ON ITS AGENDA AND TO BEGIN A DIALOGUE BETWEEN POLITICIANS OF SIGNATORY STATES ON ASPECTS OF SECURITY COOPERATION. COMMENT: IF FOLLOWED UP, THIS COULD LEAD TO THE PRESENCE OF WARSAW PACT OFFICIALS AND PARLIAMENTARIANS IN STRASBOURG AT FUTURE SESSIONS OF THE ASSEMBLY. END COMMENT.

AS AN INDICATION OF THE WISH OF ITS MEMBERS TO BE DIRECTLY INVOLVED, THE RESOLUTION REQUESTED MEMBER GOVERNMENTS TO MAKE SURE THAT PARLIAMENTARIANS ARE ADEQUATELY REPRESENTED ON THE

NATIONAL DELEGATIONS TO THE BELGRADE MEETINGS.

3. RECOMMENDATION 808 (1977) ADDRESSED TO THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS IS INTERESTING IN THAT IF FOLLOWED UP BY THE COMMITTEE, IT COULD INVOLVE THE UNITED STATES IN CLOSER MORE REGULAR CONTACT WITH THE COUNCIL ON CSCE MATTERS. THE ASSEMBLY WHILE REQUESTING THE COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE ITS EXCHANGES OF VIEWS ON CSCE ALSO ASKED THE MINISTERS TO ARRANGE FOR EXCHANGES OF VIEWS TO BE HELD BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE, CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES... COMMENT: A NUMBER OF THE NEUTRAL STATES NOTABLY AUSTRIA PROBABLY WILL STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS SUGGESTION. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN HOW OTHER MEMBERS WHO HAVE CONTACTS WITH THE U.S. IN OTHER ORGANIZATIONS WILL VIEW THIS RECOMMENDATION. END COMMENT.

4. RESOLUTION AND RECOMMENDATION, AS WELL AS OTHER DOCUMENTS ARE POUCHED TO THE DEPARTMENT.MOHLER
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